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PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: US ARMY HAS HAD DOD EXECUTIVE AGENCY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING USG-APPROVED LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT FOR UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS SINCE 1973, AND
WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCH RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IN ORDER TO
INCREASE NATO RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS, ARMY IS IN PROCESS
OF REALIGNING ITS WORLDWIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT INFRA-
STRUCTURE. WITH THIS REALIGNMENT US ARMY UNITS IN
FIELDS WILL SUBMIT REQUISITIONS DIRECTLY TO, AND WILL
BE DIRECTLY SUPPLIED FROM CONUS RATHER THAN EUROPEAN
BASED INSTALLATIONS. WHILE REALIGNMENT WILL IMPACT
ON PROCEDURES BY WHICH CONTINUING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IS PROVIDED, THIS IMPACT
CAN, IN USUN'S VIEW, BE ABSORBED WITHOUT ADVERSE EFFECTS.
THIS WILL REQUIRE PROMPT ESTABLISHMENT OF US-UN LOGISTICS
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INTERFACE MECHANISMS. END SUMMARY

2. WHEN REALIGNMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, US ARMY'S
CAMP DARBY AT LEGHORN, ITALY, WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE
TO FILL UN REQUISITIONS SUBMITTED BY UNSD (UN SUPPLY
DEPOT), PISA, FROM EUROPEAN STOCKS (SEE REFTEL). IN
OTHER WORDS, AS OF JUNE 1 ALL RPT ALL DOD SUPPLIES,

INCLUDING SPARE PARTS, MUST BE SHIPPED FROM CONUS. EXPERIENCE HAS, WE BELIEVE, CONVINCED ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED THAT SOME UN-US INTERFACE MECHANISM SIMILAR RPT SIMILAR TO THE CAMP DARBY-UNSD LINKAGE MUST BE ESTABLISHED EITHER IN CONUS OR OVERSEAS IF (A) UN RECEIPT OF GOODS IS TO BE BOTH ORDERLY AND TIMELY AND (B) ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF RECEIPT IS TO BE OBTAINED WHICH WOULD ENABLE UN TO CERTIFY RECEIPT AND PROMPTLY PAY BILLS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED.

3. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. USUN HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT FOR SOME TIME WITH UN-FOS AT WORKING LEVEL CONCERNING THE IMPENDING REALIGNMENT. AS RESULT, UN-FOS IS WELL (ALTHOUGH STILL UNOFFICIALLY) AWARE THAT REALIGNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 1, AND FURTHER REALIZES THAT ALTERNATE INTERFACE MECHANISM MUST BE ESTABLISHED. ON MAY 9 A USG PLANNING MEETING WAS HELD AT NEW CUMBERLAND ARMY DEPOT, PENNSYLVANIA, US ARMY'S EAST COAST CONSOLIDATION AND SHIPPING POINT. IN ATTENDANCE WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL INTERESTED DOD AGENCIES PLUS CUNNINGHAM (RESOURCES MANAGEMENT) AND MSG BRILL (MILITARY STAFF) FROM USUN. USUN WAS WELL IMPRESSED WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF BOTH DEPOT STAFF AND VISITING DOD REPRESENTATIVES. DISCUSSION RECONFIRMED OUR LONG-HELD CONCLUSION THAT UN-US INTERFACE MECHANISM MUST BE ESTABLISHED, AND SEVERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES EMERGED. USUN (CUNNINGHAM-BRILL) MAY 11 BRIEFED UNASYG FOR GENERAL SERVICES TIMBRELL ON CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT NEW CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE. WE SPECIFICALLY ALERTED TIMBRELL TO IMPENDING JUNE 1ST ALTERATION IN SUPPLY PROCEDURES AND REAFFIRMED THAT US ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT AND PROCESS UN REQUISITIONS. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATE UN ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWED. TIMBRELL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FOREGOING INFORMATION AND INDICATED UN WOULD WISH DETAILED DISCUSSION IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. RECOMMENDATION. USUN BELIEVES IT NOW WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO NOTIFY UN FORMALLY BY LETTER FROM USUN OF FORTHCOMING CHANGE AND REAFFIRM USG COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED FACILITATION OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CAPABILITIES US ARMY LOGISTICAL SYSTEM. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT DOD AND REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR NOTIFICATION. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT OF REALIGNMENT ON REQUISITIONING PROCEDURES NOW BEING FOLLOWED BY UNSD, PISA, SHOULD BE INCLUDED. UPON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS, USUN WILL FORMALLY NOTIFY UN SECRETARIAT OF CHANGE AND WILL COMMENCE DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES WITH

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